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We invite communications from all person who are interested in matters properly belonging to this de-pertment.

#### On Feeding Horses New Hay and Oats.

The question whether horses are injured by being fed on new hay and fresh oats has been made a subject of investigation by a French military commission, who had been experimenting upon cavalry regiments. The Kamerad reports that the results of the experiments prove that the health of the horses was not essentially injured by new hay if they received the ordinary regulation ration along with other fodder. Some animals were at first rather less active and more quiet, they sweated more freely, and the excrements were somewhat softened; but in a short time this ceased. In general, the horses ate the new hay more willingly than the old. They retained the same strength and corpulence as before. The hair kept bright, the health perfect. Of 150 horses from 4 to 13 years old, with which the experiments were instituted, 37 gained in fatness, and 18 in strength and endurance. Only 18 lost flesh, and 8 lost strength, while 79 remained unchanged. A second series of experiments upon 150 horses gave the same results. On the other hand, another series of experiments was less successful, where 74 horses, from 4 to 13 years old, were fed exclusively with new hay, the quantity being increased until it equaled the regulation ration of old hay, straw, and oats together. On this feed there was no real sickness, but a general weakness, frequent sweat, loss of appetite, digestion disturbed, diarrhoea, relaxation of the muscles, weariness, etc.

The decision of the commission was that new hay can replace old hay in the regular rations without injury, and perhaps with advantage, but that to feed them exclusively on new hay is injurious to the horses.

Experiments were made upon 1,800 horses by feeding them on new oats, and were attended with favorable results, inasmuch as the animals nearly all increased in bulk and strength, from which the commission concluded that new oats can be substituted for old ones with advantage, and hence it is useless to wait two months after the harvest before permitting the use of new oats. These experiments refute most positively the prejudice that still prevails in many places that feeding on new hay and oats is injurious to horses. On the other hand, it cannot be denied that horses, to which new hay is given, are frequently exposed to colic. The danger is only present, then, when the horses receive no definite rations, but have put before them as much as they can eat. In this case they not only eat much more new hay, but they also eat much more eagerly and greedily, which can be so much more injurious, as experience proves that those very horses which are most inclined to the colic eat most greedily.

## How to Burn Coal.

A very common mistake is made and much fuel is wasted in the manner of replenishing coal fires in furnaces and grates. They should be fed with a little coal at a time, and often; but servants, to save time and trouble, put on a great deal at once, the first result being that almost all the heat is absorbed by the newly put on coal, which does not give out heat until it becomes red hot. Hence, for a while the room is cold, but when it becomes fairly aglow the heat is unsufferable. The time to replenish a coal fire is as soon as the coals begin to show ashes on the surface; then put merely enough to show a layer of black coal covering the red. This will soon kindle, and, as there is so much of it, an excess of heat will be given out. Many also put out a fire by stirring the grate as soon as fresh coal is put on, thus leaving all the heat in the ashes when it should be sent to the new supply of coal. The time to stir a fire is when the new coal laid on is pretty well kindled. This method of managing a coal fire is troublesome, but it saves fuel, gives a more uniform heat, and prevents the discomfort of alternations of heat and cold above referred to.-Lewis Rural.

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